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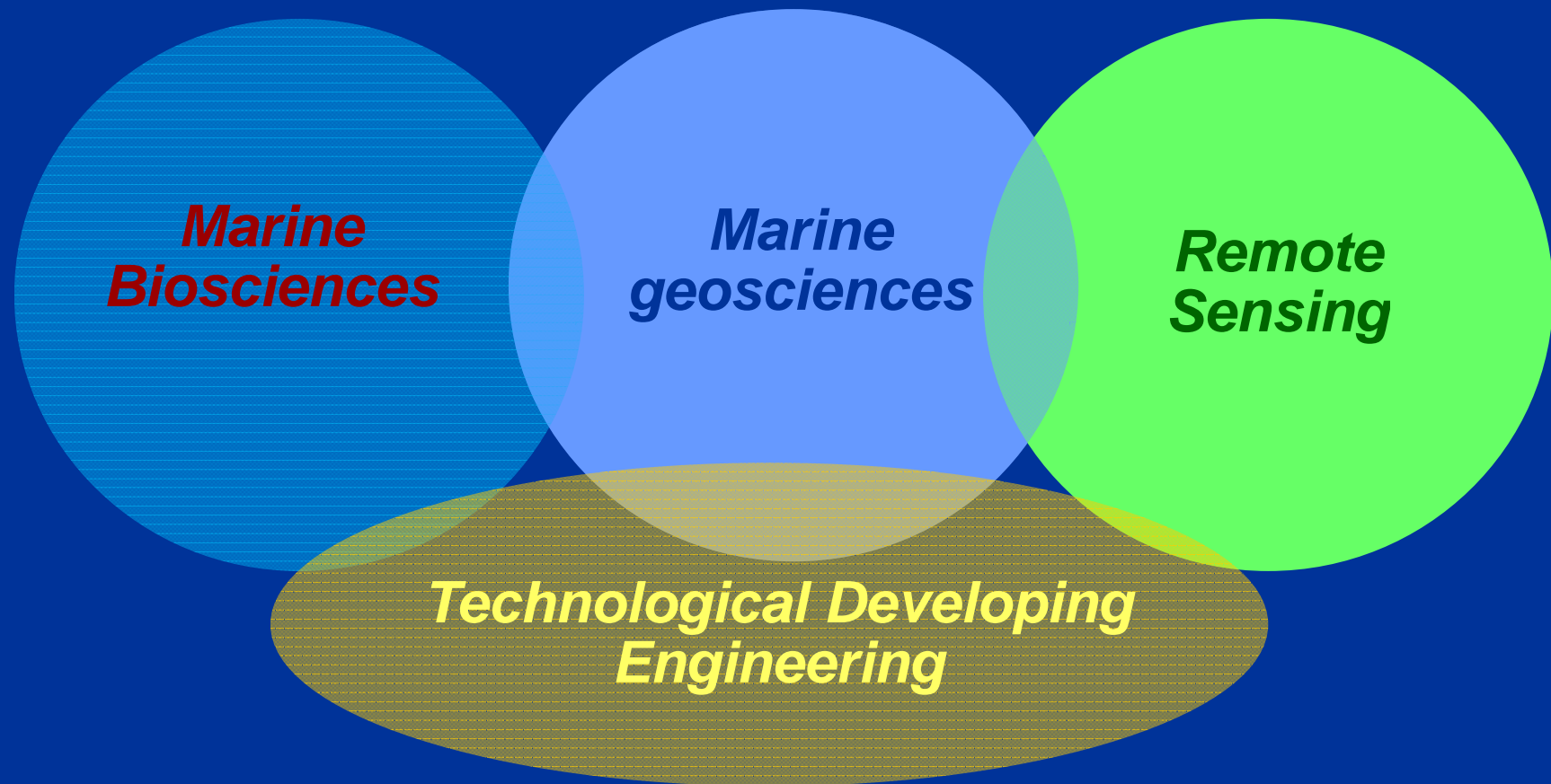
Unidad de Tecnología Marina

Plan of Action 2010-2013

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4.- Research lines (R+D+i)



4.- R&D in Marine Geosciences Line: Objectives

1. **Contribute to the development of the existing geo-scientific marine instrumentation managed by UTM-CSIC** (specially seismic/acoustic systems and ocean bottom sensors/observatories). Optimizing the instruments assessing technicians and researchers alike.
2. **Find new scientific applications for the “conventional” existing marine geosciences instrumentation**, and exploring the potential of new instrumentation to be used for the national marine geoscientific community
3. **Verify and test technological innovations in geo-scientific applications**, in the particular topics of seafloor mapping, structure, nature and properties of sub-seafloor rocks and sediments, seismic oceanography, geohazards and long-term monitoring from seafloor observatories / sea bottom sensors.
4. **Detect lacks and weakness in the marine geosciences instrumentation**, specially the one onboard the RVs as is used at national level
5. **Promote the purchase of new instrumentation and/or the development of in-house designed systems**, and collaborate in the selection and development of tools and systems to equip the new Data Processing Lab of the UTM-CSIC

Progress development & International Collaboration

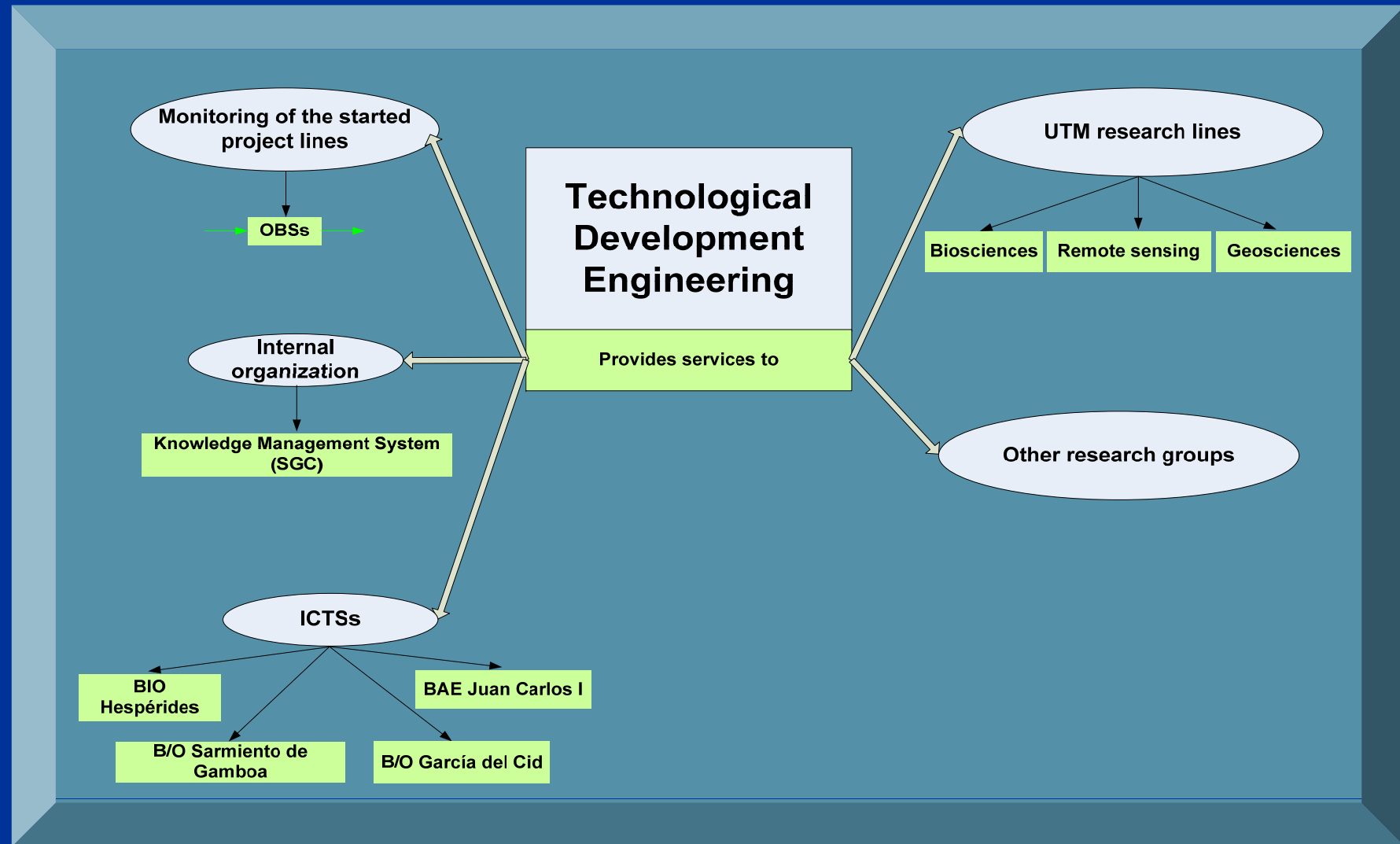
- 1998: The technology transfer agreement signed with the Bullard Laboratories, Department of Earth Sciences, University of Cambridge (United Kingdom). For construction of minidobs
- New Generations of sensors (OBS) joint project between UPC (Polytechnic University of Catalonia) and UTM-CSIC.
- At present the transfer project of OBS is being developed together with the SARTI group. It is a PETRI Project which is a Project to Encourage the Transfer of Research Results for building a preproduction of OBSs
- In 2007 a MoU agreement with the IGPP/SIO (Scripps Institution of Oceanography)/UCSD (University of California, San Diego) for technologically collaborating on the new developments of OBS's

4.- Technological Development Engineering Service: Objectives

Principal Objectives

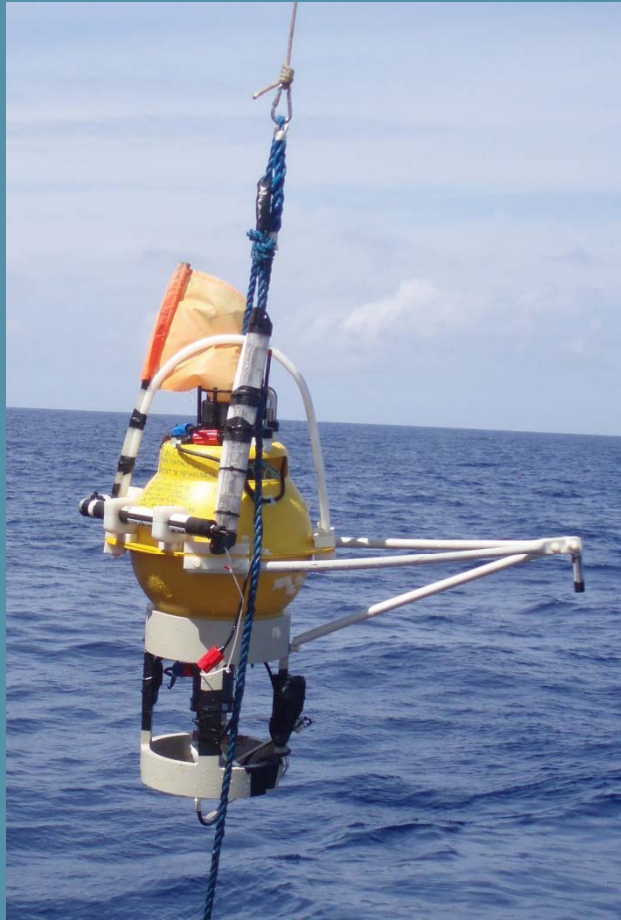
- To provide technologically advanced systems to acquire precise information about the variables to be studied, using forefront procedures and technologies.
- To carry out the integrated design (mechanical structure and electronics) with the proper materials to reduce maintenance and simplify the operations.
- To design equipments using efficient sensors and acquisition systems for improving the quality of the data stored by the instruments.
- To develop software to control microprocessors and the instruments acquisition systems.
- To use suitable signal processing techniques that allow quality control during the acquisition.
- To adapt technologies already implemented in other scientific fields in the marine instrumentation environment.

Technological Development Engineering Service



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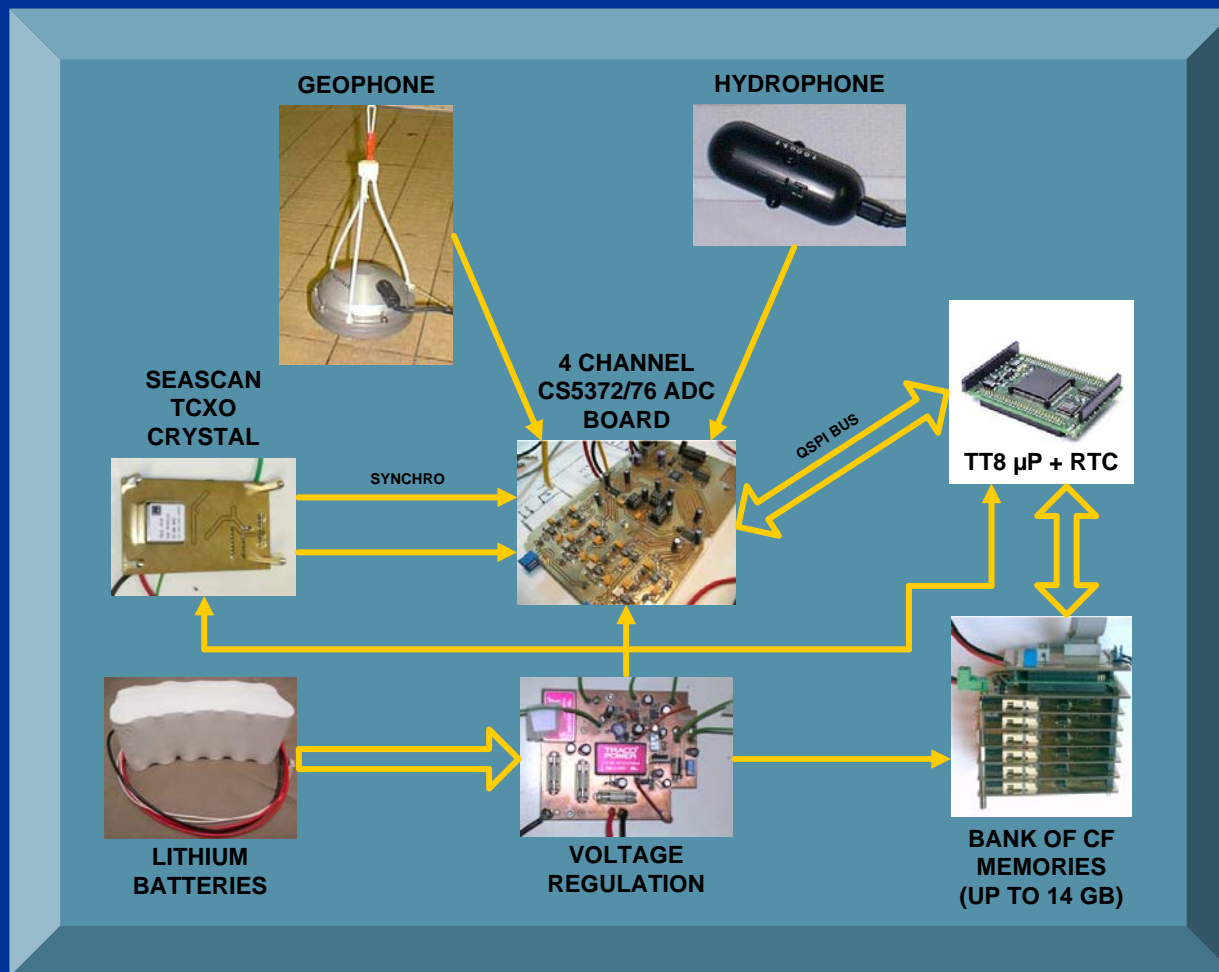
OBS (I) - Related Projects



- **Design and construction of OBSs (Ocean Bottom Seismometers)**
[CYTMAR, AE]
- **Deep Marine Seismometer Trials - OBS**
[CYTMAR]
- **New generation of light autonomous underwater sensors (seismometers) - SENSUAL**
[REN2000-1016]
- **Signal transmission in the light autonomous underwater sensors - SENSORES**
[REN2003-08341]
- **Signal transmission in the light autonomous underwater sensors - SENSUAL**
[CTM2004-04510]
- **SENSUAL Oceanographic survey**
[CM2005-23774]
- **Depth Marine Seismometer**
[PETRI]

Technological Development Engineering Service

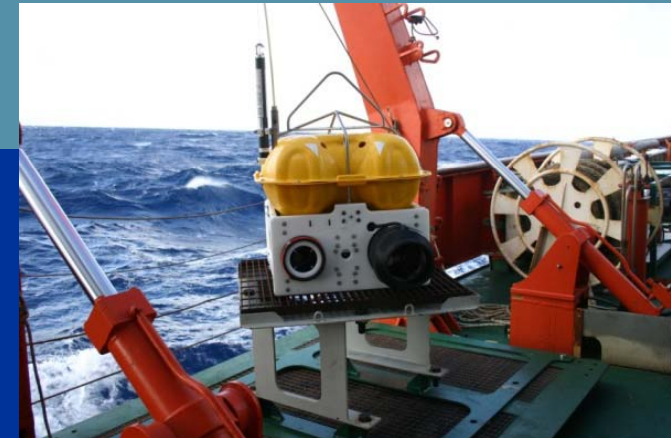
OBS (II) - Innovation, Improvements and Modifications



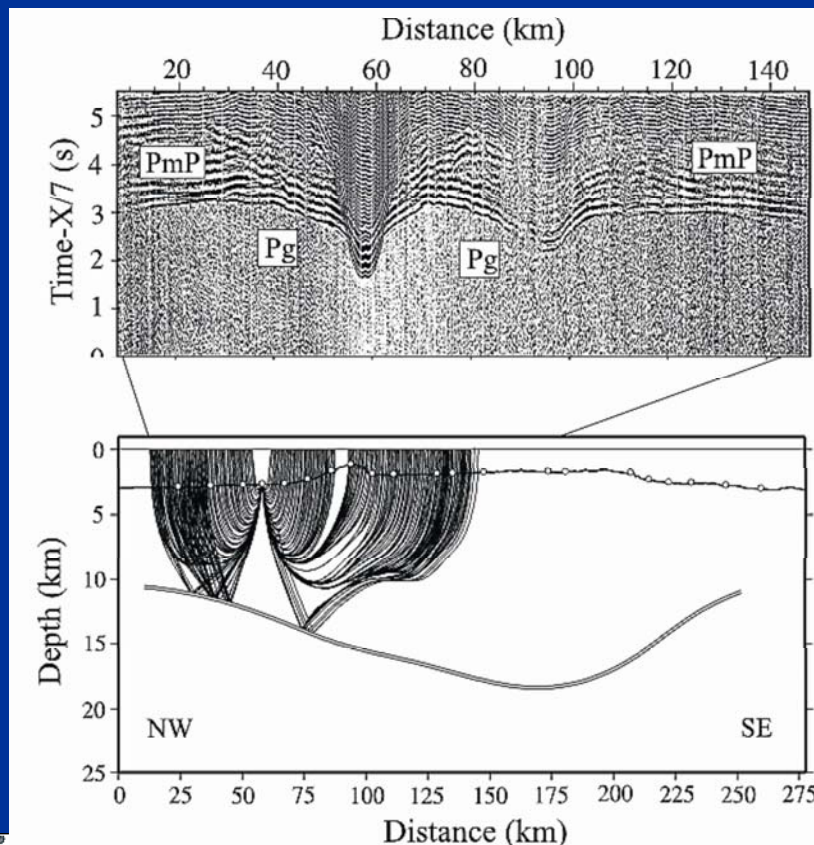
- Software migration to the Tattletale TT8 environment
- Redesign of the ADC board (Crystal CS5372/76) for reducing the acquisition noise
- Integration of a refraction seismics standard clock (TCXO Seascan)
- Increase of the acquisition autonomy
- Integration of a reliable mechanical release
- Installation of finding elements
- Changes in the external structure

OBS Instrumentation development: New findings at sea

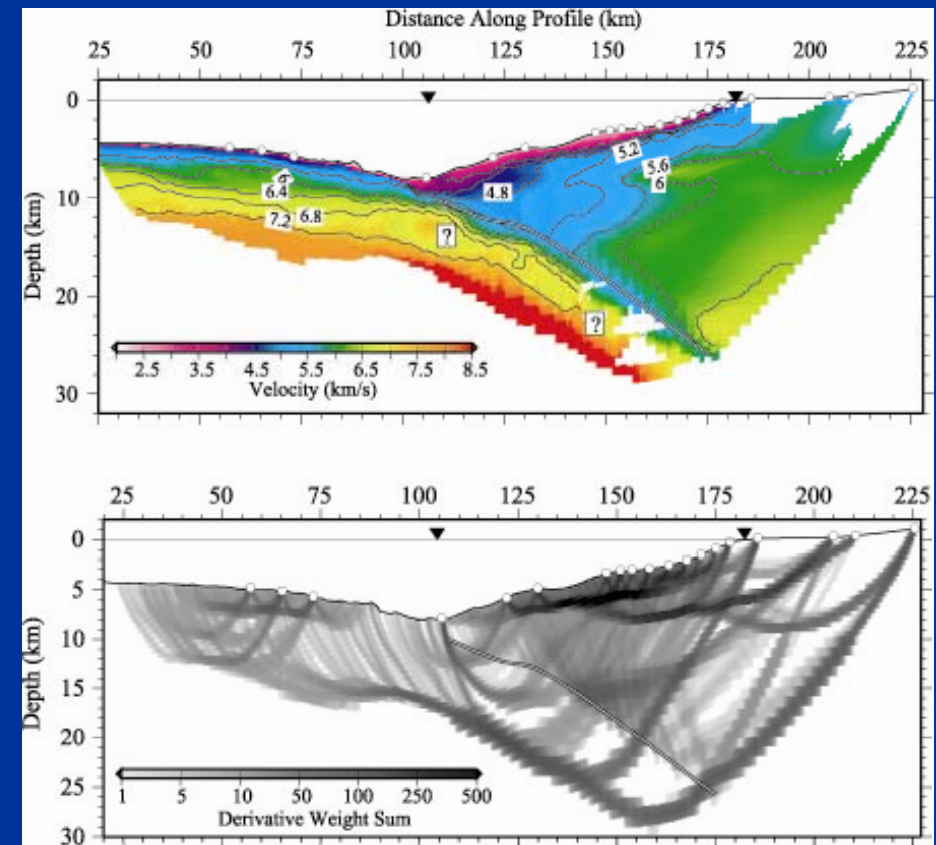
New UTM OBS at sea: NEAREST-SEIS survey,
BIO Hespérides, Nov 2008



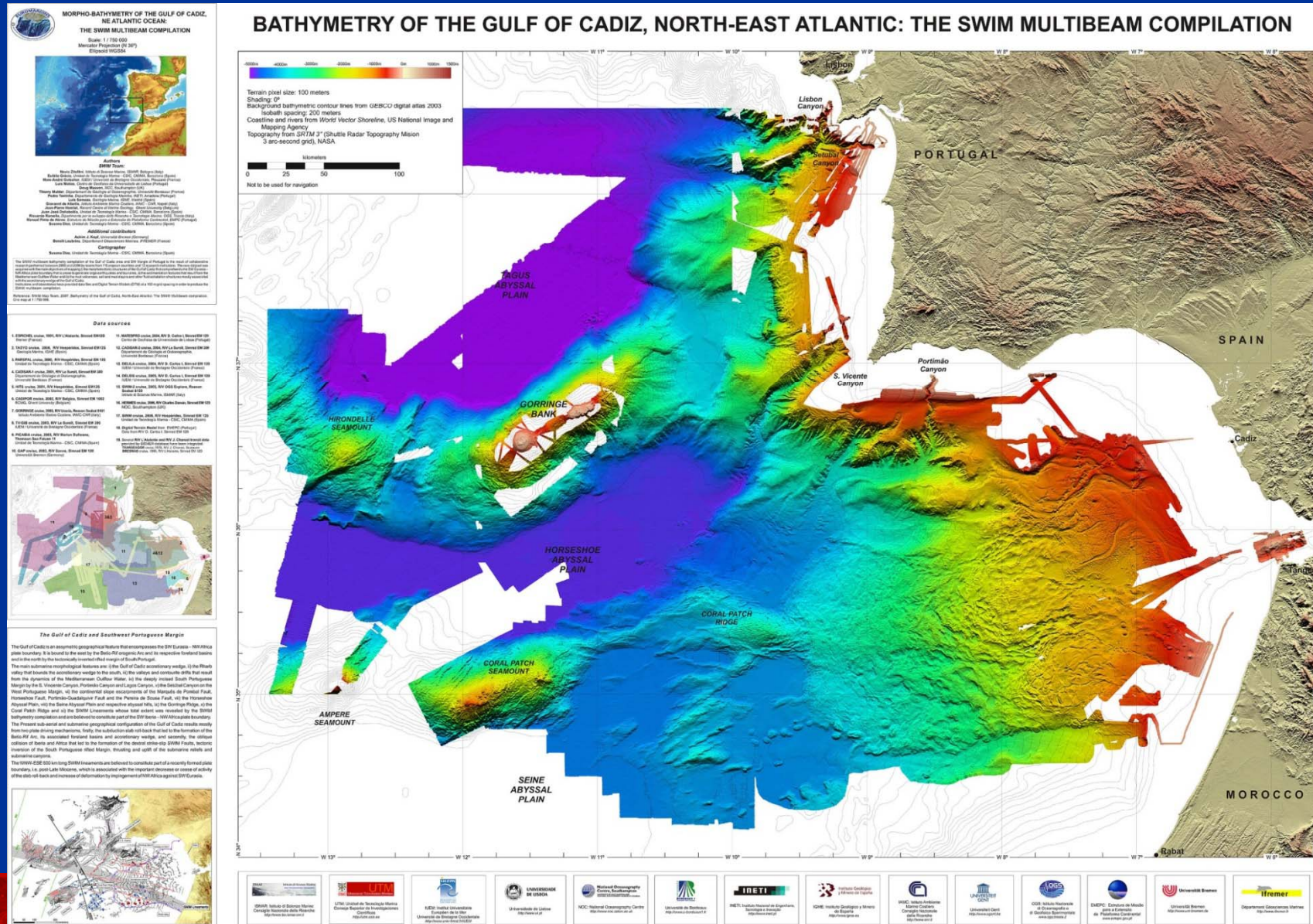
OBS record section offshore Costa Rica



Final velocity model onshore - offshore Chile



Swath bathymetry & backscatter processing facility since 2004:



R&D in Marine Geosciences Summary

•PERSONNEL

- Civil servants: 1 Res. professor, 1 Res. scientist, 1 Tenured scientist*
- Scientists hired: 1 RyC, 2 JAE postdoc, 1 other*
- Scientists training: 2 JAE predoc, 4 other*
- Technicians: 1 tenured*

TOTAL: 14

•PROJECTS

JJ. Dañobeitia, E. Gràcia & V. Sallarès: Pls of 28 projects (EU, MICINN, CSIC, Regional Gov., industry)

Topics: seafloor & habitat mapping, structure, nature and properties of the crust and sediments in margins, seismic oceanography, geohazards.

TOTAL FUNDING (2003-2007): 1.85 M€

•PUBLICATIONS & CONGRESS PRESENTATIONS

SCI publications: 32

No SCI publications: 7

TOTAL Publications: 39

TOTAL National & International Congress abstracts: 146

Computing and Telecommunication Services and Activities

7 Computing and Telecomm Engineers:

- **Technical Support and maintenance** of computing and telecommunication systems of 3 oceanographic ships, 1 Antarctic station and on land UTM staff in Barcelona and Vigo (administration, technical and research departments, data processing services). 720 working days per year at sea/Antarctica.
- **Development of data acquisition** systems, and end user services to access data and corporate information.
- **Design and specification** of new computing systems for new platforms. Technical assessment to other departments in computing systems.

Recent technical development activities

- UTM Intranet system development (Network corporative space and tools: Blog, calendar, document content management, backups, web spaces for upload/download contents)
- BO Sarmiento de Gamboa computing and telecommunication system. Complete development of a 1Gb/s LAN with Intranet User Space and Data Acquisition Services integrated with a Broadband Internet Access.
- BO Hesperides computing and Telecommunication system. Upgrading of the General Purpose Data Acquisition System (SADO) with a main releases of software to work in a WEB scenario Upgrading of user access system, LAN infrastructure and Broadband Internet Access.
- BO Garcia del Cid. Upgrade of General Purpose Data Acquisition System and LAN infrastructure.
- Specification of 3 public tenders to VSAT Satellite Broadband Access for BO Sarmiento de Gamboa, BO Hesperides and BAE Juan Carlos I. Two firsts implemented on 2008.
- GIS infrastructure development to access Real Time Data and Last Year General Purpose Data acquired on board ships.

Satellite Communications

Broadband Satellite Communication based on VSAT systems

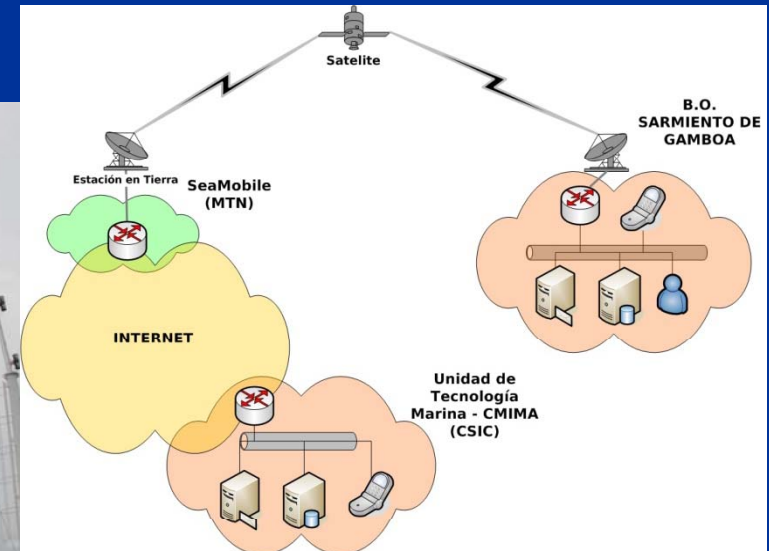
Installations:

- BO Sarmiento de Gamboa: April 2008
- BO Hesperides: August 2008
- BAE Juan Carlos I: Public Tender on September 2008

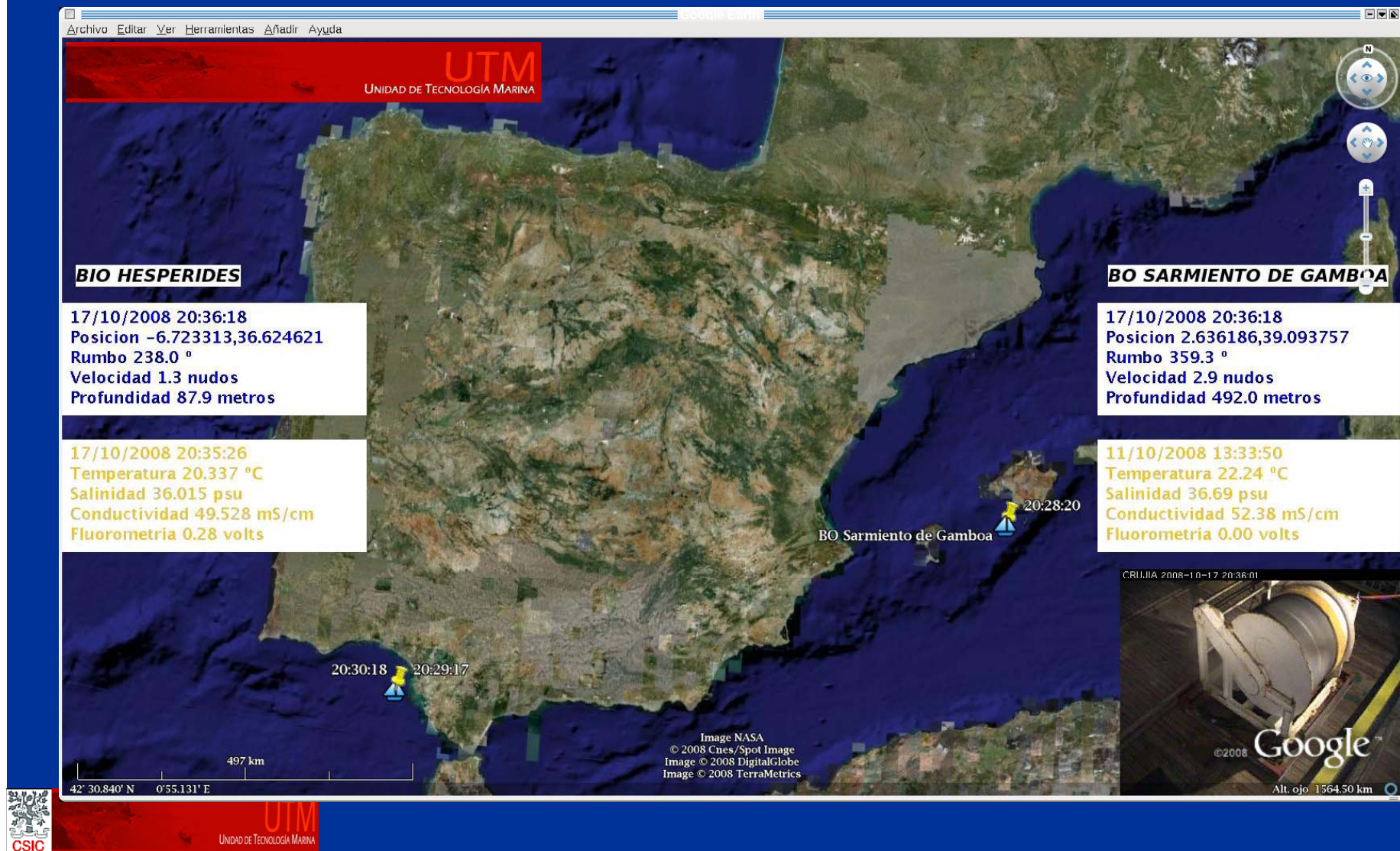
Benefits to infrastructures:

- Internet Access at 256 kbps to 2Mbps with guaranteed bandwidth to scientist, technician staff and crew. Access to Internet facilities of Universities and Research Centres
- VPN implementation between ships and main UTM site. Real time data acquisition backup and access to corporate facilities.
- Remote control and tele-assistance to ships from on land UTM site.
- Reduction of voice communication costs. VoIP calls RTC to ship calls at local cost.
- Video and data streaming capabilities. Remote scientific participation and demonstration to schools and universities.

Satellite Communications



Ship Real Time Monitoring



General Purpose On board Data Acquisition System

- Set of data acquisition, storage and data visualization designed to be used on a WEB (Intranet) scenario

